

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, October 16, 2006, 7:30 PM

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Farmingdale was held in Village Hall, 361 Main Street, Farmingdale, New York at 7:30 PM on Monday, October 16, 2006.

Present: Mayor George Graf
Deputy Mayor Joseph Rachiele
Trustee Thomas Langon
Trustee George H. Starkie
Trustee Patricia Christiansen
Village Administrator David Smollett
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Elizabeth Kaye
Building Superintendent Ronald Craig
Public Works Superintendent Fred Zamparelle
Village Attorney Kevin M. Walsh, Esq.

Absent:

Mayor Graf opened the meeting at 7:37 pm with the pledge to the flag led by Deputy Mayor Rachiele which was followed by a moment of silence for the troops.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Rachiele, seconded by Trustee Langon, to approve a permit for the Rag-A-Muffin Parade to be held on Saturday October 28, down Main Street. Motion carried with all voting Aye.

It was moved by Trustee Starkie, seconded by Deputy Mayor Rachiele, to approve the minutes of September 5, 25, 2006, as corrected. Motion carried with all voting Aye.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Rachiele, seconded by Trustee Langon, to approve Abstract #974, with the exception of two items held for further review. Motion carried with all voting Aye.

Mayor Graf announced the next board meeting to be held Monday, November 6, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

It was moved by Trustee Langon, seconded by Trustee Christiansen, to approve the Chamber of Commerce parade to be held Saturday, November 18, 2006 from 12:00-1:00 pm. Motion carried with all voting Aye.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Rachiele, seconded by Trustee Starkie, to accept the JCAP Court Grant award in the amount of \$5,832.49. Motion carried with all voting Aye.

It was moved by Trustee Langon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Rachiele, to approve the following taxi permits:

- M. Perumal
- Charles Tuttle
- John F. Engel, Jr.
- Charles D. Kelly
- John M. Sescila
- Randie T. Mosher
- Johnny Orlando
- Sherrilyn Biederman
- Robert G. Borowski

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- Michael Frost

Motion carried with all voting Aye. A taxi permit for Mr. Soler was denied.

It was moved by Trustee Langon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Rachiele, to open the public hearing on the Prospect Street Traffic Calming project. Motion carried with all voting Aye.

Trustee Starkie read aloud a letter he wrote in response to a letter about Traffic Calming written by Mr. Barrett, which appeared in the Farmingdale Observer.

Mr. Parisi, Prospect Street, inquired if the board had obtained pictures of other traffic calming projects. Trustee Starkie indicated that he had pictures of a traffic calming project in England. Mr. Parisi asked the board if it considered narrowing Prospect Street as a way to calm traffic. Public Works Superintendent Zamparelle indicated that the re-location of drainage and hydrants would be too expensive. Mr. Parisi distributed pictures of Prospect Street showing cars parked on both sides while cars traveled alongside to demonstrate that chokers would not be effective with this much width. Mayor Graf emphasized the safety of children.

Mr. Barrett, Prospect Street, discussed the contents of his letter which appeared in the Observer and expressed his opposition to the chokers.

Mr. Don Sioss, Village Engineer, commented that eliminating the chokers would not jeopardize the grant with the Department of Transportation.

Mr. Steinle, Prospect Street, read a letter from his wife, which expressed opposition to traffic calming on Prospect Street.

Ms. Rubenstein, Prospect Street, asked the board if questions she raised at the last meeting were addressed. Ms. Rubenstein commented that chokers would impact parking and that the rumble strips should not be in the brick color. Ms. Rubenstein commented that the board should consider rumble strips on Cobb, Laurelton and West streets.

Mr. Presser, attorney representing the Jewish Center, expressed opposition to the chokers which would interfere with parking at the Rabbi's home on Prospect Street.

Pastor Eberhart from St. Luke's church expressed opposition to the chokers and indicated that Conklin Street should be studied for traffic calming.

Mr. Parisi, Doud Street, expressed support for narrowing Prospect Street as a measure to calm traffic.

Ms. Brady, Barberry Court, expressed concern over loss of the residential appearance of Prospect Street if traffic calming measures are implemented.

Ms. Pugliesi, Prospect Street, inquired about enforcing no parking rules around St. Luke's.

Commissioner O'Brien suggested no right or left turns onto West, Laurelton and Cobb streets as a temporary measure.

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Trustee Christiansen inquired about use of part of the grant for a traffic study. Mr. Sioss indicated that the grant covered a traffic study.

Ms. Maiorano, Bernard Street, commented on the difficulty of passing through Bernard Street when cars are parked on either side of the street.

Mr. Wilson, Normandy Drive, complimented the board for holding the public hearing to discuss traffic calming. Mr. Wilson indicated that traffic calming should include the entire Prospect Street triangle. Mr. Wilson complained about parking problems at Howitt School.

Ms. Dalceredo, Prospect Street, asked why there are no stop signs on Cobb and Doud streets.

Mr. Gosline, Waverly Place, commented that the board should look at the entire village for traffic calming needs.

Mr. Aranella, Prospect Street, expressed his opposition to traffic calming.

Mr. Zito, Prospect Street, commented that the village should consider no right turns onto certain side streets during certain times of the day.

Mr. Izzo, Prospect Street, suggested that Cobb and West Streets be one-way.

Mr. Gosline, Linwood Avenue, commented that a traffic calming program should incorporate all the streets in the village.

Ms. Zito, Prospect Street, inquired whether the speed table could be monitored for its effectiveness.

Mayor Graf stated that the board will consider all recommendations and re-visit discussion of traffic calming at future meetings.

It was moved by Trustee Starkie, seconded by Trustee Langon, to adjourn the public hearing on the Prospect Street Traffic Calming project. Motion carried with all voting Aye.

At 9:25 pm, it was moved by Trustee Langon, seconded by Trustee Starkie, to open the continuation of the public hearing on the proposed Verizon Franchise Agreement. Motion carried with all voting Aye. This portion of the meeting was steno-graphically recorded. A copy of the transcript is appended to these minutes.

At 10:15 pm, it was moved by Trustee Starkie, seconded by Trustee Christiansen, to close the public hearing on the Verizon agreement. Motion carried with all voting Aye.

It was moved by Trustee Langon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Rachiele, to approve the Verizon contract. Motion carried with all voting Aye.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Rachiele, seconded by Trustee Christiansen, to approve H2M's recommendation of J. Anthony Enterprises as low bidder for the 2006 Phase IV Road Project and Traffic Calming Project. Motion carried with all voting Aye.

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It was moved by Trustee Starkie, seconded by Trustee Langon, to approve a building permit refund of \$161.50 to Mr. Joseph Valveri. Motion carried with all voting Aye.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Rachiele, seconded by Trustee Langon, to set the date for a public hearing for a special use permit for 623 Fulton Street to November 6, 2006. Motion carried with all voting Aye.

It was moved by Trustee Christiansen, seconded by Deputy Mayor Rachiele, to approve the final written decision for a special use permit on 190 Main Street (Downtown). Motion carried with all voting Aye.

Building Superintendent Craig reviewed the new building permits issued since the last meeting. It was moved by Trustee Starkie, seconded by Trustee Langon, to approve the following building permits:

SUN DESIGN POOLS 12 Merritt Road DB 06-88	17' x 29' in-ground pool
TULLY 207 Lenox Ct. DB 06-89	Finish 1450 s/f basement to include a play room with 3 piece bath and boiler room
DANKOWITZ 279-281 Conklin Street DB 06-90	Interior alterations and exterior renovations to convert non-conforming 2 family to office-residence
VAN DYKE 116 Conklin St. DB 06-91	Maintain 16' x 10' shed and put in foundation
AGLAIA LLC 459 Main Street DB 06-92	Demo detached garage
WILSON 2 Paine St. DB 06-93	New attached garage and covered porch
MANAKTALA 189 Melville Rd. DB 06-94	Second floor addition, remove part of detached garage, remove deck and replace with grade level patio ZBA Approved
BERNES 44 Duane St. DB 06-95	240 sq. ft. rear deck addition
RACHIELE 170 Bethpage Road DB 06-96	Oil to gas conversion
DITTMIEIER 146 Melville Rd. DB 06-97	Relocate existing single family dwelling. Construct new foundation and basement
KANE 379 Staples St. DB 06-98	Document demolition of single family dwelling damaged by fire and in ground pool

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RICCUITTO 252 Eastern Pkwy. DB 06-99	Install drywell in driveway
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Motion carried with all voting Aye.

It was moved by Trustee Starkie, seconded by Trustee Christiansen, to defer approval of the final written decision for a special use permit for 199 Main Street to operate a Laundromat. Motion carried with all voting Aye.

It was moved by Trustee Langon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Rachiele, to defer approval of the final written decision on Starbucks drive-thru window. Motion carried with all voting Aye.

The board addressed the following applications for relief from the building moratorium:

- Fuschetto subdivision.

Mr. Anthony Addeo, Esq. presented the application to the board. Mr. Addeo indicated that the board had approved ten single family homes at the site; however, due to delays with Nassau County, the application fell under the moratorium. Mr. Addeo requested a hardship relief from the moratorium for his client. It was moved by Trustee Starkie, seconded by Deputy Mayor Rachiele, to reserve decision to allow Mr. Addeo to meet with Village Attorney Walsh. Motion carried with all voting Aye.

- Hubbard Property Merritt Road Subdivision.

Mr. Anthony Addeo, Esq. presented the application to the board. Mr. Addeo informed the board that the prospective buyer proposes to build ten homes on the property. Mr. Addeo requested relief from the moratorium for Mrs. Hubbard, current owner, due to financial hardship. It was moved by Trustee Starkie, seconded by Trustee Christiansen, to defer decision to allow Mr. Addeo to meet with Village Attorney Walsh. Motion carried with all voting Aye.

- BF Development, 150-190 Fulton Street for a new retail shopping center – adjourned for additional information
- 776-780 Fulton Street.

Mr. Willis Carman, Esq. presented the application to the board. Mr. Carman informed the board that the application had received variance approvals from the Zoning Board. Trustee Starkie commented that this application was previously denied relief from the moratorium. Mr. Carman concurred but indicated that the denial was several months ago and hoped that the board had studied this zone with respect to the application. It was moved by Trustee Starkie, seconded by Trustee Langon, to reserve decision on the request for relief to allow Mr. Carman to meet with Village Attorney Walsh. Motion carried with all voting Aye.

At 10:50 pm, it was moved by Trustee Starkie, seconded by Trustee Christiansen, to open the Public hearing on 221 Main Street, Wings Over Farmingdale, for a special use permit. Motion carried with all voting Aye.

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Mr. Bob Oliver, franchise owner, presented the application to the board. Mr. Oliver requested approval to allow seating for 16 to 24 patrons. Discussion ensued between the board and the applicant.

Mr. Wilson, Normandy Drive, inquired about parking. Building Superintendent Craig indicated that parking was not a problem.

At 11:05 pm, it was moved by Deputy Mayor Rachiele, seconded by Trustee Langon, to close the public hearing. Motion carried with all voting Aye.

It was moved by Trustee Langon, seconded by Trustee Christiansen, to approve the special use permit for Wings Over Farmingdale. Motion carried with all voting Aye.

Building Superintendent Craig announced that the public hearing on 279 Main Street was adjourned to November 6, 2006.

Mayor Graf opened the Good and Welfare portion of the meeting.

Commissioner O'Brien thanked the board and Public Works Superintendent Zamparelle for their support of the Columbus Day Fair. Commissioner O'Brien inquired about preserving the Hubbard house and approving fewer homes for the subdivision.

Ms. Morrison, Roxbury Street, asked why the village did not install bricks in front of St. Thomas Church during the brick project. Building Superintendent Craig responded that the bricks were paid for by a grant and only covered a specific square footage.

Mr. Ahern, Conklin Street, expressed his pleasure with the proposed road work and inquired whether Conklin Street was included. Public Works Superintendent Zamparelle indicated that it would include curbs and aprons.

Trustee Christiansen announced that the Beautification Committee had re-formed. Trustee Christiansen informed the audience that the spruce tree at the Village Green was relocated to the back of the Green and decorative corn stalks placed along Main Street.

Public Works Superintendent Zamparelle expressed appreciation for Trustee Starkie's assistance in moving the spruce tree.

At 11:15 pm, it was moved by Trustee Langon, seconded by Trustee Christiansen, to adjourn to Work Session and Executive Session. Motion carried with all voting Aye.

Mayor Graf